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The International Security Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions in Colombo and has the honour to inform that the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) has submitted trademark applications to the intellectual property offices of several countries, incorporating a distorted representation of the map of Sri Lanka depicting the Northern and Eastern provinces as a separate entity.

The Ministry observes that these recent initiatives undertaken by the TGTE have raised serious concerns regarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka and such usage advocating for a separate state, challenges the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka. A colour copy of the referred trademark is attached for your reference.

The Ministry wishes to underscore that the TGTE is a designated entity in Sri Lanka gazetted under Extraordinary Gazette No. 2470/19 dated 06 January 2026 under the United Nations Act No 45 of 1968 by the Secretary of Defence of Sri Lanka for "terrorism related activities and... funding for terrorism". A copy of the said gazette notification is attached for further reference.

The Ministry has the honour to emphasize that the trademark applied for, both in its inherent meaning and in the context of the services claimed, promotes a self-proclaimed and non-existent "government" purporting to represent a part of the territory of Sri Lanka. As such, the mark is contrary to public policy and morality, inter alia, because it risks reviving separatist ideologies among groups seeking to destabilize the State of Sri Lanka, undermines the peaceful environment currently prevailing in the country and the ongoing national reconciliation process, and may mislead the public into believing that a single entity possesses lawful authority to formulate policy or conduct diplomatic relations on behalf of such a purported entity. Furthermore, the mark is liable to foster division and mistrust among communities that have long coexisted in harmony, and may indirectly encourage sentiments and activities detrimental to national unity, stability, and economic confidence within the territory of Sri Lanka.

Further, the trade mark applied for, both in itself and in the context of the services applied for, is likely to deceive the relevant public as it infers: the existence of an independent state or area of independent governance or control within Sri Lanka which does not in fact exist. A single representative government within a proposed independent state based on the territory of Sri Lanka.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism also reiterates that the Government of Sri Lanka, led by His Excellency Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of Sri Lanka, has been elected through the collective mandate of the people of Sri Lanka, including the communities of the Northern and Eastern Provinces, for the first time in the country's history, underscoring the inclusive and unified character of the present administration.

The Ministry emphasizes that the attempts by the TGTE to spread separatist sentiments through such representation may adversely impact the national reconciliation process underway in Sri Lanka.

Given the above, the Government of Sri Lanka wishes to register its strong objections regarding the trademark applications filed to the Intellectual Property Offices and requests to refuse the said trademark application submitted by Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment & Tourism of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails of its opportunity to renew to all the all Diplomatic Missions in Colombo, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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